

2012 Clean Water Indiana Grant



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The (CWI) Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the (CWI) Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2012, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 21 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$1,078,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

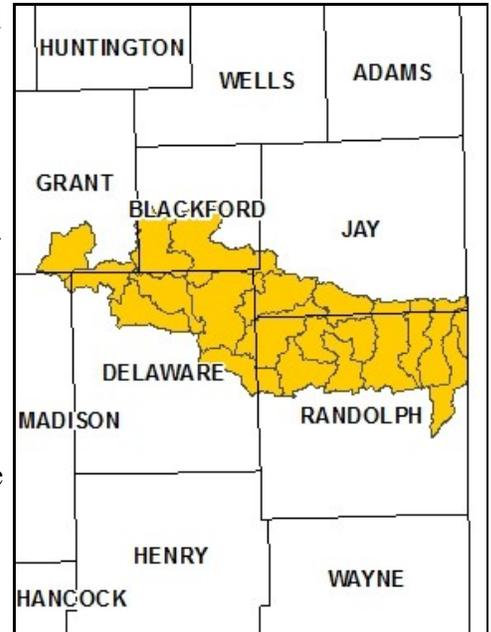
LEAD DISTRICT: RANDOLPH
 COLLABORATING DISTRICT: DELAWARE
 TARGET WATERSHED: MISSISSINEWA RIVER
 PROJECT NAME: MISSISSINEWA RIVER WATERSHED
 INCENTIVE PROGRAM
 PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2012-12/31/2014
 PROJECT AMOUNT: \$15,000



Purpose: CRP-based conservation program

The Randolph County SWCD and the Delaware County SWCD will actively promote a CWI Incentive Program within the Mississinewa River Watershed. The Mississinewa River Watershed is currently excluded from participation in CREP.

The incentive program will be similar to CREP in respect to the conservation practices included for incentives, but will target those areas that are not eligible for the FSA CRP program due to cropping history or other similar circumstances that make the land not eligible for CRP. Incentive payments will be for the following conservation practices: CP3A-Hardwood Tree plantings, CP22-Riparian Buffers, and CP31-Bottomland Timber plantings, CP2-Native Grass plantings, CP4D-Wildlife Habitat plantings (warm season grasses and shrubs), and CP21-Filter Strips (Practice 327 Conservation Cover-min 20' wide, max 120' wide). Also included in this incentive program will be cover crops.



YEAR ONE ACTIVITIES:

COVER CROP ACRES: 110

The incentive funding is estimated to fund 30-40 acres of tree plantings, 10-30 acres of buffer practices and 250 acres of cover crops.



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